

BRITISH OFFICERS HELD IN ANCIENT FORTRESS

Dutch Profess to Guard Place Thoroughly, but Escapes Are Frequent.

PLEASANT DAILY ROUTINE

Men Revive Games of Early School Days, and Use Deep Moat for Fishing and Swimming Purposes. Kind Hollander Installs Pianola.

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS, August 29.—The ancient fortress of Wierickerschans, where are interned the British officers of the Antwerp relief expedition, which was forced by the Germans to retreat into Holland a year ago, occasionally loses some of its English guests, notwithstanding the fact that the Dutch professors guard the place thoroughly. The British officers, like many of those interned in other camps in Holland, refuse to pledge themselves against trying to escape into England to rejoin the fighting forces, and once outside the fortress these prisoners find the Dutch people disposed to make things easy for them. The guards at the camp are under orders to shoot any escaping prisoner, and it is true that they do shoot at them, but there is often something mysteriously poor about their aim. In fact it is not for the constant arrival of ship-wrecked aviators, the quota of prisoners at Wierickerschans would not be long sustained.

The fortress is an interesting place. Although visible from two railway lines, nobody seems to have been aware of its existence until the war brought it to notice. It is surrounded by a cluster of green trees and a broad moat, which makes it virtually an island. Even the farmers who live nearby know so little of its origin that they have variously referred to the castle as dating back to the time of the Romans. As a matter of fact the fort was built by King William of England, the Stadholder of Holland, and cannot be older than the year 1572. It was in that year that King Louis XIV. of France invaded Holland and marched right up to Amsterdam. The Dutch were at once flooded and several fortifications were built in his impromptu sea to guard the few high roads which could not be submerged.

MOAT USED FOR FISHING AND SWIMMING PURPOSES

The deep and broad moat which surrounds the fortress is now used for fishing and swimming purposes by the forty-five British officers interned there. In the distance there is a pretty Dutch landscape, with red-tiled houses, clusters of trees, a few busy windmills, and a high sky, all of them suggestive of liberty that is near at hand, but which is barred by a double row of wire fences, both above and under water, and a series of armed Dutch guards. At night the entire zone of barbed wire and rifles is lighted up by strong arc lights, giving the old fort an appearance something like an American amusement park on a summer night. But when approached closely it is seen that mosquitoes and bats are the only ones to enjoy this beautiful glare. The occupants of the fort are safely locked up for the night, and at 11 o'clock they are sent to bed.

For a year now these men have been in a prison which really is not a prison. If they were prisoners of war they could be treated severely and could be punished for the breaking of any rule of the camp. Since they are interned foreign soldiers and have not given their parole that they shall not try to escape, they are at perfect liberty to walk away at the moment they choose. When they are caught they are brought back, but they renew their efforts the next morning, and unless they actually destroy government property there is no way in which to punish them for the trouble which they have caused all around. As a matter of fact, the Dutch boy, who is standing guard, is not going to burden his conscience with the death of an excellent fellow, with whom he has played games for many months, and against whom he has nothing but friendly feelings.

As for the daily routine of the interned officers it can be well compared to a rather quiet watering place. The men have revived the games of their early school days, and a few times a day indulge in a mild game of rounders. The British government has built two excellent tennis courts. The Dutch government has put up a jumping board, and between 11 and 1 o'clock the men of the liberty of the moat. A kind Hollander has installed a pianola.

HOLDS VEGETARIAN DIET RESPONSIBLE FOR LONG LIFE

PEKING, August 29.—Dr. Wu-Ting-Fang, well known in America as the former Chinese Minister to Washington, has just celebrated his seventy-third birthday, and boasts that vegetarian diet keeps him in such splendid condition that he expects to live 150 to 200 years. Dr. Wu lives in Shanghai, where his son, Dr. Wu Chao-Chu, who is an adviser to President Yuan Shi-Kai, an adviser to President Yuan Shi-Kai, visited him, according to Chinese custom, on the occasion of his birthday.

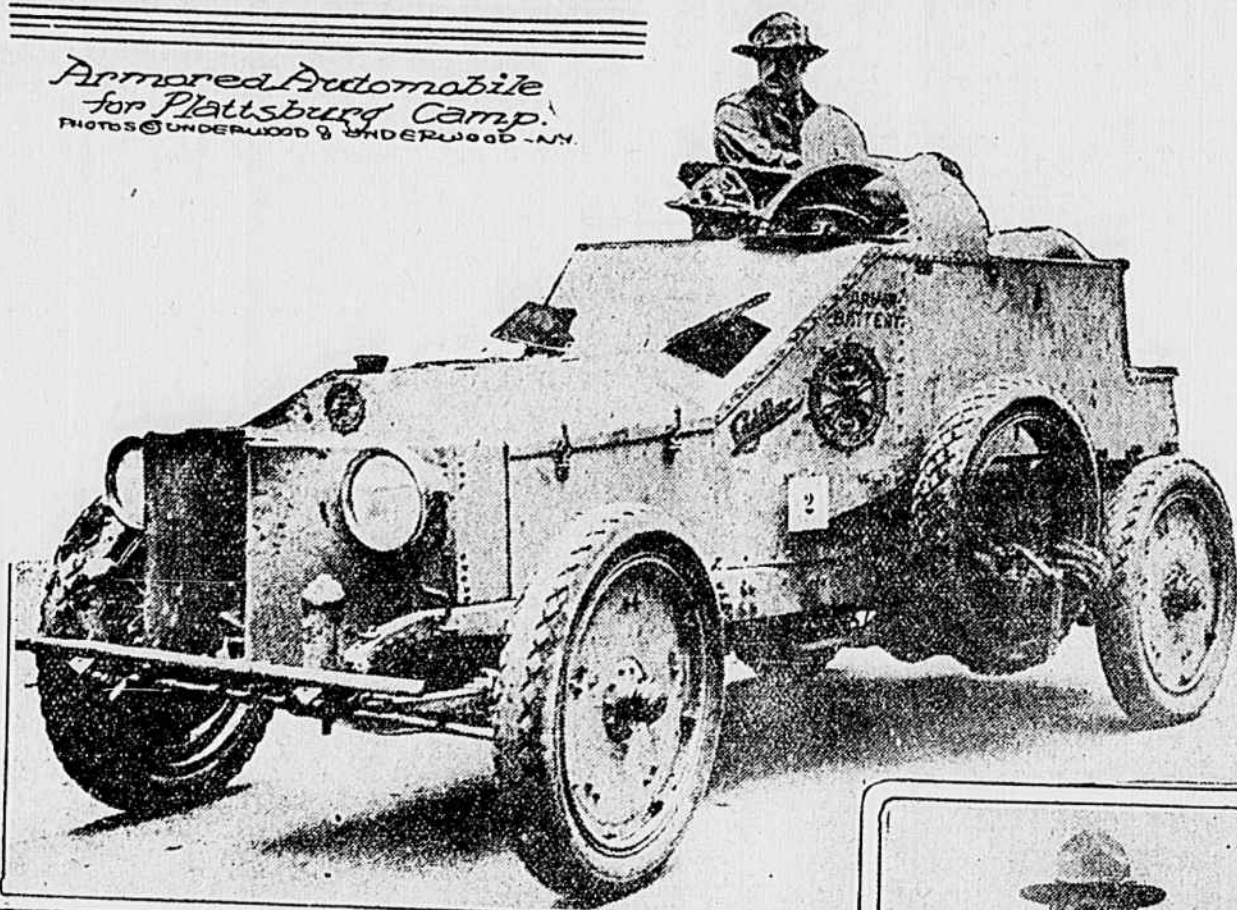
The younger Wu, who speaks English with an English accent, having been educated in England, is a prominent man in the palace of President Yuan. Being a barrister-at-law, he was a member of the famous constitution-drafting committee which offended Yuan Shi-Kai by refusing to hear his opinions on what the constitution of the Chinese republic should be. It will be remembered that Yuan Shi-Kai then refused to accept the constitution, and the members found it expedient to escape from Peking, but young Wu, like a number of other prominent men, decided to make peace with Yuan Shi-Kai and work with him for the unification and development of the country.

PATRIOTIC BURGLAR TAKES OFFICIAL'S GOLD

PARIS, August 29.—A patriotic burglar, who broke into the house of a government official a few days ago, found that notwithstanding the recent request that citizens turn in their gold coins into the public treasury, this official had \$400 in gold in his safe. The burglar took the money, and left the following note addressed to his victim: "I have helped you to do your duty by making money myself to the Bank of France. Naturally I have kept the notes given me in exchange as a reward for my trouble. Yours truly, 'A PATRIOTIC-BURGLAR.'"

"Citizen-Soldiers" Being Trained at Plattsburg Camp

Armored Automobile for Plattsburg Camp. Photos by Underwood & Underwood, N.Y.



To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Baseball—Brook Street Park: International League, Richmond vs. Montreal, 7:30 o'clock. Legislative committee investigating Powell-Clift charges, Capitol, 10 o'clock. Lyric—Popular vaudeville and pictures: Matinee, 3:30; night, 7:45 and 9:15. Little—Paramount pictures: continuous performance, 12 noon to 11 night. Colonial—Motion pictures: continuous performance, 11 morning to 11 night. Victor—Motion pictures: continuous performance, 11 morning to 11 night.

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Showers Monday in west, and Monday and Tuesday night east. Monday night, cooler. Monday night, Tuesday fair, cooler. North Carolina—Showers Monday night. South Carolina—Showers Monday night. Tuesday fair, somewhat cooler.

Local Temperature Yesterday. 12 noon temperature, 75. 3 P. M. temperature, 75. 8 P. M. temperature, 71. Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 78. Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 62. Mean temperature, 71. Normal temperature, 75. Deficiency in temperature yesterday, 4. Deficiency in temperature since March 1, 327. Deficiency in temperature since January 1, 178.

Local Rainfall. Rainfall last twenty-four hours, None. Rainfall last twelve hours, .01. Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 3.55. Deficiency in rainfall since January 1, 64.

General Weather Conditions. WASHINGTON, August 29.—There will be showers Monday in the Atlantic States, the Lower Lake region, and the Lower Ohio Valley. It will be cooler Monday in the Upper Ohio Valley and Tuesday in the Middle Atlantic and north portion of the South Atlantic district. Frost warnings have been issued for Upper Michigan and North and West Lower Michigan.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place.	Ther.	H. T. L. T. Weather.
Asheville	46	78 56 Clear
Atlanta	61	81 64 Cloudy
Boston	60	64 42 Cloudy
Buffalo	68	72 42 Cloudy
Calgary	62	78 42 Clear
Chicago	58	68 76 Cloudy
Denver	72	78 42 Clear
Galveston	72	78 72 Rain
Harve	68	88 42 Clear
Jacksonville	68	72 76 P. cloudy
Kansas City	62	70 42 P. cloudy
Louisville	62	76 42 Clear
Montgomery	78	86 66 P. cloudy
New Orleans	82	74 Cloudy
New York	62	64 64 Rain
Norfolk	72	80 64 Clear
Oklahoma	68	74 42 Clear
Pittsburgh	70	76 42 Cloudy
Raleigh	70	82 62 Rain
St. Louis	64	72 42 Cloudy
San Francisco	66	70 Clear
Savannah	78	92 74 Cloudy
Spokane	84	96 42 Clear
Tampa	88	88 72 Cloudy
Washington	68	74 42 Clear
Winnipeg	60	64 42 Clear
Yonkersville	66	74 58 Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC, AUGUST 30, 1915.

Sun rises, 5:39 Morning, 8:21. Sun sets, 6:43 Evening, 7:26.

MUCH-ABUSED OFFICE BOY BECOMES SCARCE ARTICLE

LONDON, August 29.—The much-abused office boy has become such a scarce article in the London labor market that advertisements in the "Help" that columns now offer wages two to three times more than those paid for the same class of help a year ago. A Stock Exchange firm last week spent \$25 in advertisements before it got an applicant that suited it, and on no day did it have more than two or three applications in response to the appeal. A year ago the ordinary office boy of twelve to fourteen expected to start with \$1.25 to \$2 a week. Now he has little difficulty in obtaining a place at \$2.50 to \$5. If he is bright he stands an excellent chance of being promoted

to a place as junior clerk in a few weeks.

The explanation, of course, is the numerous vacancies caused everywhere by the enlistment of clerks and office helpers in the army. Thousands of openings for boys have also been created by the departure of older men from posts on railways and subways. Practically all the "platform men" in the London "tubes" are now boys of twelve to fifteen. Many of the conductors are little older.

MILITANT ANARCHISTS DOING PATRIOTIC DUTY.

PARIS, August 29.—The militant anarchists, whose exploits furnished so much copy to the French newspapers before the war, but who dropped out of sight immediately after the general mobilization, have been found by the police to be doing their patriotic duty. With only a few exceptions those who were exempt from military service in France volunteered, and have distinguished themselves.

Dr. T. secretary of the soldiers' union, and a militant anarchist who took part in the fighting in August, writes of German terrorism in the region, and terminates: "This monstrous butchery will cost all of us nameless sacrifices and sorrows, but we shall hold out to the end."

The old haunts of anarchy in Paris are deserted. Only a few of the old guard are left, and they are occupied with patriotic correspondence with their comrades at the front. They show with pride a letter from a former anarchist propagandist, Professor M. F., the most militant of the antimilitarists. "Herve, who has won a corporal's stripes and aspires to those of a lieutenant. He does not try, even to himself, to explain the mental process that has made him such an expert in the use of the pen. He shows for my military honor, and for the rendering all the justice possible to the sixty men under me. I have in them sixty comrades, sixty friends; they call themselves my soldiers; I am sure none of them ever heard of me before the war. I think it is mostly the hope that this will be the last of those horrible things called war, as a synonym for a thousand horrors, shall not have to cut each other's throats again gives one something like superhuman ardor."

Even the open advocates of the "republic" who were the forcible seizure of other people's property—the anarchists—their own property of innocent people—are doing their duty. Maitre Jean, the divorced husband of one of the heroines of the Bonnot band, the former director of the paper "Anarchie," himself involved in their exploits, but not convicted of murder, is recovering from a dangerous wound. Alexandre Lerebourg, the double of "Baptiste," the bandit of Orleans, whose real identity is still a mystery, was serving a sentence for desertion when the war broke out.

"It's only in peace," he declared, "that I am an antimilitarist. In war my place and incorporation in the army was granted, and he fought valiantly with his regiment of the African battalion. After they had cut up the German Imperial Guard in the battle of the Marne, he was taken prisoner in a minor detailed action.

NO AMERICAN MISSIONARY LIVES LEFT IN ARMENIA

TIFLIS, TRANSCASPIA, RUSSIA, August 29.—Dr. Kochadur Bonapart, an Armenian physician and surgeon, who has been in the Russian lines after serving for ten months with the Turkish army, brings reassurances that no American missionary is known as yet to have died in Armenia as a result of the war. He believes that during the first three months of the year there were probably 2,000 deaths a day from disease alone among the Turkish soldiers and civilians, and he said that Turkish losses from all causes since the war began might be as high as 200,000. Aside from this, food and ammunition supplies were growing so scant that he feared resistance against the Russians. He said they did not appear to have any large strategic plan, but contented themselves with delaying the present advance and threatening the Russian left flank north of the Lake of Van.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

William T. Freeman. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., August 29.—William T. Freeman, aged seventy-three years, died on Saturday in Madison Heights after five months' illness. He was a Confederate veteran, having fought through the Civil War in Lee's battery. Five sons and five daughters survive.



Capt. C.D. Bolling

Lower picture shows Captain Bolling, who is in command of the machine gun detachment of which the motor car above is a part. Fully 2,000 men are in training at the Plattsburg camp. Besides this camp there are camps at Ludington, Mich.; Chickamauga, Ga., and the Presidio, San Francisco.

MEDICINE'S GOOD RECORD DURING FIRST YEAR OF WAR

LONDON, August 29.—"On the whole, at the end of the first year of the war, medicine is found to have acquitted itself well," says the Lancet. "There has been an absence of epidemic diseases, and there has been no catastrophe from sanitary faults. On the principle that lives saved are lives gained, the efficiency of the medical service has meant a gain of many lives to the belligerent armies. In France, the care of the wounded behind the lines has steadily improved, and the experience which has been gained of unfamiliar diseases and conditions, such as tetanus and gas gangrene, will be of the greatest value in the future. There have been several smart epidemics of typhoid, but neither in the English, French or Belgian ranks was the disease ever allowed to make grave headway. Much suffering from exposure, but the chief cause of disability was 'trench foot.' There was less pneumonia and rheumatism than expected."

"Concerning the Russian medical service, this information is most satisfactory, though some apprehension was at first felt about it. The difficulty was not the personnel, but the distances. But the devotion of voluntary medical men, and the organization has been excellent, and the Russian army has been able to show a good bill of health through a terrible year."

"The story of Serbia is a triumph of preventive medicine, and the United States and England between them may lay claim to the credit. None of the stories of the terrible plight of the Serbians from typhus exaggerates the state of things. But the grip of the disease has been made to relax, and the medical outlook is now hopeful."

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GLADLY GIVE THEIR GOLD FOR "MONSIEUR RIBOT"

Remarkable Scenes at Bank of France Since His Mobilization Call.

PROMPT RESPONSE IS MADE

Hundreds of School Children Make Their First Visit to Mysterious Institution—Many People Turn In Their Savings of Years.

PARIS, August 29.—There have been some remarkable scenes at the Bank of France since Alexander Felix Ribot, the French Minister of Finance, issued his call for the mobilization of gold. "We are spending two billion francs a month," he said. "It's a frightful sum and we've got to keep it up another winter—bring on your gold." The call spread rapidly, and the response has been prompt.

Monsieur Ribot is only one month older than Monsieur Collin, of the Rue de Tours, who was seventy-three this spring. Madame Collin wrote on the slip she delivered in the Bank of France with a hundred francs of gold to be exchanged for national defense bonds. "I have saved it to make a present to Monsieur Collin on our golden wedding day," she added, "but we decided that we could both get more pleasure and satisfaction out of that gold by turning it over as a sort of homage to Monsieur Ribot."

Hundreds of school children will associate the name of the venerable minister with their first visit to that mysterious and awe-inspiring institution always so impressively guarded by the handsomely uniformed republican guards. Their teachers lift them up to the teller's window where gold is exchanged, and they are generally disappointed to see the gold piled up behind the counter.

One woman shoved a pile of coins amounting to 350 francs through the teller's window at the Bank of France, with the concise explanation: "For Monsieur Ribot." She turned to go away without her bank bills, and had to be persuaded that Monsieur Ribot was not asking gold and would give the equivalent in exchange.

A man who had spent years collecting hundred-franc gold pieces, and had gotten together a hundred of consecutive dates, including the rarest effigies, brought it to the bank. "Worth as a collection five times as much, he went away satisfied with 10,000 francs in bank notes. Another numismatist sacrificed a unique collection of 200 of "double luis"—forty-franc pieces.

FOUR THOUSANDS OF FRANCS FROM SACK ON COUNTER

Another man, in the familiar peasant's blue frock, came in, took his place hesitatingly in the line, and fidgeted continually while waiting. He left the line and went to the cashier, hesitated, turned back and took his place again at the foot. When his turn finally came, he cast a fond glance at the sack he pulled out of a vest pocket, then poured several thousand francs in gold upon the counter.

The counting of the millions of pieces received would take too long, it would also be too complicated since with the "luis," "napoleons," and "republics" there are "sovereigns," "eagles," "double eagles"—in fact pieces of nearly every nation that counts gold. Consequently every deposit is valued by weight. Sometimes weight is the only possible mode of valuation, as in the case of the Cure of Huiro, who deposited at the branch of the Bank of France at Chalons-sur-Marne, a shapeless mass he had recovered from the ashes of the treasury after the retreat of the Germans. Coins of the total value of 450 francs had been melted and run together by the heat of the conflagration. The dull and a half franc piece received at Chalons included a twenty-franc piece of the effigy of the republic that had been nearly pierced by a German bullet.

A newspaper announcing the gold exchange movement was smuggled into a hamlet on the battle front that has been taken and retaken several times, and now happens to be occupied by the Germans. The peasants made a purse of all their gold and drove to choose the one who would have the honor of carrying it through the lines to "Monsieur Ribot." "All I ask," said the simple-minded peasant, who accomplished this mission, "is that you just give me a paper that I can take back to show the gold's turned over."

"You'll take it back with us when we march in," said the colonel, giving him a receipt in the name of the village. "You could never get through there twice, alive."

ALFRED SOORD, ARTIST, KNOWN FOR PICTURE OF "LOST SHEEP"

LONDON, August 29.—Alfred Soord, the popular painter of religious pictures and landscapes, who has just died at the age of forty-eight years, was known for his Royal Academy picture of "Lost Sheep," of which over 200,000 reproductions were sold in America. Other popular sacred pictures were his "Crucifixion" and "The Supper at Emmaus."

Mr. Soord executed a portrait in oils of Mrs. Oates, mother of Captain Oates, the "very gallant gentleman" of South Pole fame. The portrait was presented to Captain Oates at a time when unknown to the world, he had walked out to his death, as related in the earliest dispatches received from the ill-fated Scott expedition.

CHARLES HILL, PETERSBURG, VA., AUGUST 29.

Charles Hill, late of Cobb's Farm, Chesterfield county, died on Saturday morning in the Petersburg Hospital, where he had been under treatment several weeks. Mr. Hill was sixty-five years old, was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, and is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Elsie M. Hill, of Chesterfield.

Financial Alliance of Allies Is Needed

If Action Is Not Taken Soon There Will Be Monetary Absorption by America.

BY LUIGI LUZZATTI, Former Minister of Finance for Italy.

PARIS, August 29.—A financial alliance between the allies is urgently needed for the mutual protection of their markets and the pulse-beats of France, Great Britain and Russia. Otherwise the exchange rates give no true indication of the health of these nations. Extraordinary measures must be taken immediately if Europe is to avoid monetary absorption by America.

England and France must remain the leaders of the world's money markets. It is illogical and false that Germany's rate of exchange should so closely approximate that of France. The difference ought to be enormous. Financial and business alliances are always more difficult to make than alliances of hearts and armies, but the allies must build up this necessary rampart. The great banks must get together and provide a monetary peace.

The treasuries of France, England, Russia and Italy ought to organize a great central institution to take care of their national debts and remove the wide differences between their rates of exchange due to the huge note circulation and former imports which are not offset by exports.

The financial secretary of Germany, in his latest speech, said: "Our \$6,000,000,000 war debts and others that will be necessary will be paid by the vanquished nations."

Even should Germany prove victorious, which we firmly believe is impossible, which of the vanquished nations could pay such a bill, as well as support its own war indebtedness? Only by a bankruptcy of civilization and a return to slavery could Germany's absurd financial pretensions be realized.

ZEPPELINS HARD TO SEE

Germany's Fleet Is Repeatedly Battleship Gray.

PARIS, August 29.—Germany's fleet of Zeppelins has been repainted a battleship gray, which renders them difficult to see even when flying beneath the clouds. A telegram from Zurich says the latest Zeppelin models resemble large fish. Both ends taper so that they have lost to some extent the familiar cigar shape.

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